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To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report and establish standards on the timeliness of providing electronic health records to members of the Armed Forces separating from active duty, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. BERGMAN, and Mrs. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Timely Electronic
5 Health Record Transfers for Transitioning
6 Servicemembers Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT AND STANDARDS ON TIMELINESS OF ELEC-**
2 **TRONIC HEALTH RECORDS DURING TRANSI-**
3 **TION FROM THE ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) REPORT.—

5 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
8 defense committees a report on the timeliness of
9 providing members of the Armed Forces who are
10 separating from active duty with a copy of the elec-
11 tronic health records of the members.

12 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph
13 (1) shall include the following, with respect to the 1-
14 year period preceding the date of the report:

15 (A) The average number of days following
16 separation from active duty for a member to re-
17 ceive the electronic health records of the mem-
18 ber.

19 (B) The most number of days a member
20 has waited to receive such records.

21 (C) An explanation for delays in providing
22 members such records.

23 (b) STANDARDS.—Not later than 270 days after the
24 date on which the Secretary submits the report under sub-
25 section (a)(1), the Secretary shall establish standards to
26 ensure that a member of the Armed Forces who is sepa-

1 rating from active duty receives the electronic health
2 records of the member within a reasonable period.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “congressional defense commit-
5 tees” has the meaning given such term in section
6 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.

7 (2) The term “reasonable period”, with respect
8 to the standards established under subsection (b),
9 means a period that the Secretary of Defense deter-
10 mines appropriate after taking into account—

11 (A) the findings of the report under sub-
12 section (a)(1); and

13 (B) the views of members of the Armed
14 Forces who are separating from active duty,
15 veterans, and other individuals the Secretary
16 determines appropriate.

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